Jamblichus, with whose successors, priests, and 'prophets, he affirms that Pythagoras, sometimes sojourning at Sidon (which was his native city), had conversed: which may be taken for an intimation, as if he had been by them instructed in that Atomical physiology, which Moschus, or Mochus, the Phoenician, is said to have been the inventor of. Mochus, or Moschus, is plainly a Phoenician name, and there is one Mochus, a Phoenician writer, cited in Athenseus, whom the Latin translator calls Moschus ; and Mr. Seldou approves of the conjecture of Arcerius, the publisher of Jamblichus, that this Mochus was no other man than the celebrated Moses of the Jews, with whose successors, the Jewish philosophers, priests, and prophets, Pythagoras conversed at Sidon." Some fantastic Atomists perhaps would here catch at this, to make their philosophy to stand by Divine right, as, owing its original to re* velation ; whereas philosophy being not a matter of faith, but reason, men ought not to affect (as I conceive) to derive its pedigree from revelation, and by that very pretence, seek to impose it tyrannically iipon the minds of men, which God hath here purposely left free to the use of their own faculties, that so finding out truth by them, they might enjoy that pleasure and satisfaction, which arises from thence. But we aim here at nothing more, than a confirmation of this truth, that/the Atomical physiology was both older than Demo-critus, and had no such atheistical original neither. And there wants not other good authority for this, that Pythagoras did borrow many things from the Jews, and translate them into his philosophy.